

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:-**

1. A removable printer cartridge for an inkjet printer including:  
A printing fluid storage;  
a printhead in fluid communication with the printing fluid storage; and  
5 an assembly arranged to direct air over the printhead, the assembly including a filter.
2. A removable printer cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the assembly includes an inlet for receiving air from a source located in the inkjet printer.
- 10 3. A removable printer cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the printhead comprises a pagewidth printhead.
4. A method for preventing degradation of a printhead of a removable printer cartridge including the steps of:  
15 generating a stream of air;  
filtering particulate matter from the stream of air by means of a filter attached to said cartridge in order to produce filtered air; and  
directing the filtered air over the printhead.
- 20 5. A method according to claim 4 wherein the step of generating a stream of air is undertaken by a means located remote of said cartridge.
6. A method according to claim 4, wherein the printhead comprises a pagewidth printhead.